



BURGESS HILL
— GIRLS —
Tomorrow's Women

MONDAY 9 SEPT 2019

BOARDERS INDUCTION WEEK

29 AUG - 3 SEPT

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I cannot believe that our boarders have already completed their first week at Burgess Hill Girls, and what a fantastic first week it has been! On the evening of Thursday 29th August, we gathered the girls from both houses and ran an activity where they wrote down their hopes and ambitions for this year and added them to our Wishing Tree. This activity was chosen specifically for the first night of boarding to encourage the girls to get to know one another and build the foundations for great friendships.

On Friday 30th August our induction activities continued with a sunny trip to Brighton for an orienteering challenge. The girls were split into three groups and were given a series of tasks that included a visit to the Pier to try and win Mrs Beels a teddy bear, posing for a photo outside Brighton Pavilion and sending a post card to Ms Risley, our EAL teacher. It was heart-warming to see the returning girls taking a lead on this activity and help our new students. After a long afternoon walking around Brighton we headed to Donatello's for a delicious Italian meal. It was the perfect end to a wonderful first day and a great opportunity to sing Happy Birthday to Monica.

We woke the girls on Saturday 31st August at 6am and there was more than one grumpy face, but these were



The Year 7 and 8 girls enjoying the view.



A group photo on Brighton beach.



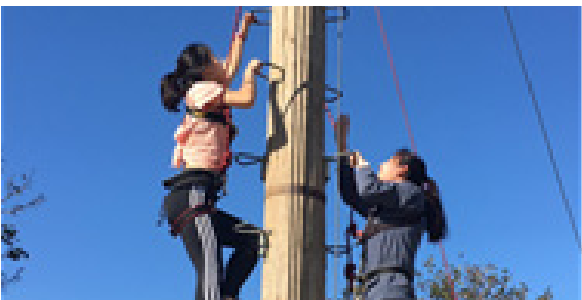
Miss Smith's group learning how to put on a harness.



6th form girls watching their friends jump for the trapeze!



Fantastic abseiling.



Climbing up the pole to the trapeze.



Listening carefully to the safety briefing.

soon replaced with plenty of smiles and excited chatter when we arrived at PGL centre in Hailsham, for an exciting weekend full of adventures. On the agenda was abseiling, aero ball, fencing, zip lining, archery, trapeze, giant swing, and a tunnel maze. Our girls really proved just how bold “tomorrow’s women” are as they climbed, bounced, leapt and swung their way through the weekend. We are so proud of all the girls; how polite they were to the PGL staff and how they enthusiastically took part in each activity.

On Monday 2nd September everybody took part in a treasure hunt designed to orientate the new students with the school site and provide the returning students with the chance to develop their leadership skills. It was a whole lot of fun and fantastic to see the girls mixing across the year groups and having a great time whilst doing so!

After an early dinner we were all treated to a fantastic theatre trip, explained further by Freya (Year 10) below.

“The West End musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat’ was incredible, the actors really engaged with the audience and seeing Sheridan Smith was amazing! The coach journey on the way there was full of happy singing boarders; however on the way back, everyone fell asleep.”

By Tuesday 3rd September the girls and staff were beginning to feel very tired, so we decided to take a slower pace of life and took the time to relax and enjoy breakfast in the boarding houses. However, on Tuesday afternoon the induction program continued with a Leadership Challenge. There was something for everyone in this activity, from finger painting and water balloon throwing to Miss Smith’s Geography puzzle! Tuesday evening saw all of the boarders unwind with a movie night complete with hot chocolate and marshmallows.

Finally, on Wednesday morning, school began. I felt like a proud parent as I waved 51 girls off for their first day at school! Nerves were replaced with smiles as the girls were introduced to their new tutors quickly made plenty of new friends.

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Kind Regards,

Miss Webb and the Boarding Team



The winning team piecing together the clues to earn their prize.



Bumble bee finger painting.



Miss Smith's Geography puzzle.



Delicious treasure hunt prizes.



Fun with water balloons



Out and about around the school finding the clues.



Trying our best at Archery.